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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hirotoshi MIZOTA, et al.

SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION

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FOR: A PLASTIC OPTICAL FIBER, AN OPTICAL FIBER CABLE, AN OPTICAL FIBER CABLE WITH A PLUG, A PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING A METHYL METHACRYLATE POLYMER AND A PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING A PLASTIC OPTICAL FIBER

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- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references were cited in prior Application Serial No. 09/622,057, where required, as were either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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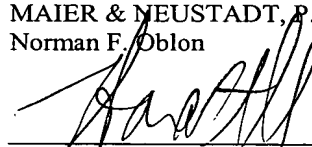
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